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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

WYNETTA L. MITCHELL, L.P.N. License # 26NP 02543500

PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

XFINAL ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

of discipline (Finalized by default on Woust 03.2015)

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, who entered into inactive status on December 24, 2014.

- 2. Respondent indicated on her 2014 renewal application, submitted on May 28, 2014 (prior to respondent's entry into inactive status) that she would not complete required continuing education for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle by May 31, 2014. (Exhibit A)
- 3. Respondent was asked by the Board's Executive Director in letters dated July 9, 2014 and November 6, 2014 to submit documentation of completion of all continuing education courses required for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle and to provide payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$250, in the form of a certified check or money order, for the failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. (Exhibit B)
- 4. Respondent submitted payment in the form of a credit card authorization for \$250 in satisfaction of the civil penalty, However she did not provide documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of appropriately accredited continuing education as defined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 200 day of JUNE, 2015,

ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in this matter:

- 1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she has fulfilled her continuing education obligation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 and documented completion of at least thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education to be attributed to the 2012-2014 licensing cycle.
- 2. Payment of the civil penalty for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 is hereby memorialized by this order. As respondent has admitted to the violation and satisfied the penalty, no further payment is required.
- 3. Upon finalization of this order, respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a Registered Professional Nurse until such time as her license is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.
- 4. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:
- a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

- b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.
- c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.
- 5. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.
- 6. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.
- 7. In the event that the Board receives no written submission from Respondent within 30 days following filing of this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Board review, the Provisional Order of Discipline shall automatically become the Final Order of

Discipline. The box for Final Order of Discipline shall be checked, the Final Order of Discipline shall be filed, and copies shall be mailed to Respondent. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

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